

Northgate Baptist Church

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Northgate Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor

I am a follower of Jesus Christ. I am a long-time member of Southern Baptist churches; but I was not raised in a Southern Baptist church, in fact I wasn't raised in a church at all. However, I was saved and baptized in the Southern Baptist denomination (in two different Atlanta metropolitan area churches).

When I was eighteen, I began a search. I visited every denomination I could find in Atlanta, Georgia, and there were many options. I visited every major, mainline denomination. I have worshipped in all sorts of churches, from Catholic to Pentecostal.

By the time I had completed my tour of the "church cafeteria" of Atlanta, I had narrowed my search to two denominations: Baptist and Presbyterian (PCA). Because of my belief in believer's baptism, I settled on Baptist. But my search wasn't over. I visited Southern Baptist churches and Independent Baptist churches. I enjoyed worship in both denominations, but ultimately God led me to remain a Southern Baptist.

When I began my search, I didn't understand as much about missions as I did by the time I finished. I can clearly and confidently say that I am a Southern Baptist because of the Cooperative Program (CP).

The CP is a plan for missions giving support that pools the financial resources of cooperating Southern Baptist churches which allows for more missionaries to be commissioned to the mission field. The Southern Baptist Convention states it better than I (www.sbc.net/cp):

- It presents a unified and comprehensive budget, throwing a funding blanket over statewide, national and international missions and ministries.
- It provides a long-term sustainability for our entities. When a church makes their missions giving as a percentage of their church budgets, it provides consistency and stability.
- It adheres to our long term Baptist principle that "we can do more together than alone."
- The Cooperative Program mitigates competition between entities thereby allowing a balanced [Acts 1:8](#) strategy.
- It levels the playing field, and makes a place at the table for small and ethnic churches. Every church can stand hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, on level ground, as partners in the gospel (large churches, small churches, new churches, growing churches, graying churches, and ethnic churches).

Many denominations and churches teach the truth of the Scriptures, but only one has the CP. I am Southern Baptist because of the CP. I am beyond thankful that Northgate gives a tithe of her undesignated budget receipts to the CP and provides funding for missions above and beyond the CP through designated missions offerings.

Blessings in Jesus Christ,

Barry

The Gate Post

Week of Prayer
August 18-25

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Robby Bannister
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It's Finally Here!

Check out our
NEW Website!!!!

Visit Northgate's
completely rebuilt,
mobile-friendly
website at

<https://www.northgatebaptist.com> It's a great place to catch the latest sermons, read the latest Gate Post, and view the current church calendar. You can also learn more about our church mission and ministries, as well as peruse our fun photo galleries. Let us know what you think!

GROW in August

5 Team G
12 Team R
19 Team O
26 Team W



Let's
Pray!

Church-wide prayer will be held on
Sunday, August 18 at 3:00pm in the
fellowship hall. Come join us for this
special time of prayer.

Back-to-School
AUGUST 20

Please pray for our children, principals,
administrators, teachers and all of those involved in
our schools and the lives of our children.

Week
of Prayer

For Northgate is August 18-25 Special Prayer
Guides will be available in your bulletin on
Sunday, August 18.

Northgate Discovery Class

Discovery Class will be held on Sunday, August 25
from 2:00-5:00pm in the fellowship hall. New members
must take the class to complete membership and
guests can attend to become more acquainted with
Northgate.

**A Message from
Barry Agnew, Jr.
Minister of Students and Education**

Can Revival Really Happen Today?

Think back for just a moment to when you were a teenager. If you grew up in the church, did you have a Youth Pastor at your church? Your age will probably have a lot to do with how you answer that question. If you lived your teenage years prior to the 70's your answer is more than likely no. If your teenage years took place in the mid 70's or later there's a good chance your answer is yes.

You see the idea of a "Youth Pastor" is a relatively new concept in the history of the church. Around the late 60's a movement started in the United States that is now often referred to as the "Jesus Movement." Some in Christian circles refer to it as the Hippie Revivals. This was a time when young adults and teenagers started to come to faith in Christ in droves, starting on the west coast and moving its way across the country. It ended up that so many young people were coming to faith that churches started having to think of ways to minister to them effectively. It was here that the concept of the Youth Pastor was born.

In our country today sin has taken hold in our culture unlike ever before. Our children and young people are growing up in an environment mired in idolatry. Yet in this deep lostness this generation is clamoring for purpose more than ever. I believe our country is ripe for revival! Are you ready to be a part of the work God wants to do through His church here at Northgate? Remember the words of the prophet Isaiah from Isaiah 52:7 that still ring true today...

"How lovely on the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings
good news,
Who announces peace
And brings good news of happiness,
Who announces salvation,
And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Revive
us again Psalm 85:6



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
SUPPERS WILL RESUME
ON SEPTEMBER 18.**

A sign-up sheet for standing reservations will be available in your Sunday School class and throughout the church in the month of August. If you sign-up for a standing reservation you must attend the supper every Wednesday or call by noon on Tuesday if you cannot attend a particular night or you will be charged. **If you do not have a standing reservation you MUST call the church office by noon on Tuesday to be placed on the list. NO EXCEPTIONS! The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. COME JOIN US!!**



KITCHEN AND CASHIER HELP NEEDED

Contact Rhonda Capparelli @ 325-2111

Volunteers are needed for Wednesday night suppers. If you are available to help with set-up, in the kitchen, be a cashier, or assist, please contact Rhonda Capparelli at 325-2111. We need several teams for Wednesday suppers.



I am so proud to call each of you my brother and sister in Christ. Each one of you made a sacrifice to come each night. You will be blessed for it. The children and their families

will be blessed for it.

I have made new friends and learned so much from this time spent with all of you.

Thank you again for a successful VBS! Many thanks to all of the volunteers who selflessly gave your time and talent to VBS this year. Your support to children's ministries is appreciated. Without you VBS at Northgate would not be possible.

May God greatly bless you, Teresa Howard

**A Message from Dennis Page
Worship Leader**

How do we produce a winning music program? I think we need look no further than Clemson for our model. Here are some things that make Dabo Swinney successful.

- The administration buys into his vision
- They have top facilities
- He loves his players, he genuinely cares.
- They do amazing player development (it's a place where walk-ons can succeed)
- He recruits at a high level.
- Everyone is a recruiter: fans, alumni, current players, everyone is out there, continually looking for talent, especially for potential talent

With your help, we can become a top tier music program. In a month or so, the choir will begin practice on our Christmas musical. If you enjoy singing (amateurs only), and enjoy being around fun people, we want you to join us. Next, you can be a recruiter. Northgate, and surrounding schools and colleges, are loaded with talent. If you know, see, or hear someone who might be a good vocal or instrumental recruit, give me their name, and we'll see if we can get them to sign with our team.

In Him Who first loved us, Dennis

**FACILITIES USE
INFORMATION**

The Facilities Use Committee has updated the policy for use of the church facilities and it has been voted on at the Church Conference on July 17. If you wish to use any of the church's facilities (gym, fellowship hall, SS room, kitchen, etc.) please contact the church office and reserve the facility in advance. You must read the updated policy, sign the reservation form and a \$200 deposit will be required before a key to the church will be given to you for your event. We want to be good stewards of what God has blessed us with and this requires an updated policy and use fee. If you should have any questions, please contact the church office.



WMU will NOT meet in July and August. We will resume in September.



We share our sympathies with the families of

Ruth Harrison on the passing of her husband, Wesley Harrison; Baylus Johnson on his passing; Charles Johnson on his passing; Tammy Wallace on the passing of her father, Pete Hamrick; and Janeen & David Stephens and Laurel Shaler on the passing of their son and brother, Jake Stephens.

**PROMOTION
SUNDAY**

On Sunday, September 1st all children and youth will be promoted to their new grade classroom. Parents, please help your children find their new Sunday School class which may be located in a different place from last year.



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**"One Hour Soul Winning" Training—August 18 @ 2:00pm in the Fellowship hall
Week of Prayer for Northgate—August 18-25**